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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM:

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Director of Global Intelligence

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SUBJECT: International Data Base

1. On balance, establishment of a Third World data base at the Bureau of Census is a sound idea. While a wide variety of institutions publish various types of time series on Third World demographic, social, and economic matters, there is no Government or private entity which offers a comprehensive, internally consistent body of data on the Third World.

2. As indicated in Mr. Chapman's letter, the DDI has supported establishment of such a data base since FY-1981. Original plans for Intelligence Community funding [redacted] annually starting in FY-1983 were revised recently [redacted] in the face of budget cuts during the last round with OMB. In addition, the abolishment of the Social Science Research Division on 30 September 1980 removed the DDI focal point for utilization of the data base. [redacted] trying to reinstitute as much of [redacted] the data base cut from the DIA FY-1982 budget as possible.

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3. However, establishment of the new Center for Terrorism, Instability, and Insurgency in the DDI will provide a new focal point for utilization of a Third World data base--a factor which the Planning Group for Political Instability (PGPI) was unaware of when it decided to orient the Census program entirely toward country specific studies. It appears to me that a total of [redacted] from both CIA and DIA should be able to support a reasonable program. Census should try to obtain additional funding if needed from State and the NSC, which in the past have supported this concept. (CIA/DIA have never made a commitment to fund [redacted])

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4. I still believe that phasing in this program is the way to go.

✓ -- Census presently has a very poor capability for computerizing the data base in a way which would be compatible with CIA systems. It

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* Mr. Chapman's memorandum errs in describing [redacted] as a CIA commitment; [redacted] was in the CIA budget as the total Intelligence Community contribution. Its precise allocation between CIA and DIA was to be sorted out at the Intelligence Community level.

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would probably have to subcontract this segment of the data base development. If we increase our funding, this should be carefully studied.

- DDI's absorptive capacity for this type of information will grow slowly since its analysts have only recently begun to consider a broader spectrum of information in analyzing political instability. DDI analysts will need to become more involved in determining the contents of the data base.
- There is some analytical resistance to computerized data bases, which will only be overcome over time as the benefits of using this type of information become apparent.

5. As for employing Census to collect and analyze population and labor force data on Eastern Europe, [] the new Director of the DDI's Office of European Analysis, believes this is essential. She indicated to me that this type of data on Eastern Europe are in considerable disarray and suggested that funding on the order of [] annually would be appropriate to sort out, adjust, and project population and labor force data. Although no longer concerned with Eastern Europe, [] the Deputy Director of the DDI's Office of Soviet Analysis, who supervised Eastern Europe for many years, completely subscribes to these suggestions.

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1) I indicated to Dr. Seal & Mr. Chapman that our interest remained - that our ability to use the data would grow slowly as Census ideas of purge in '82 was not supported -- no additional money in '82.

2) we would ~~see if~~ try to return to [] level for '83 for Intel Comm (need to try to get [] of that from DIA)

3) I gave a glimmer of para 5 above but made no commitment

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